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Official meetings

Friday, 31 August 2012

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1751st meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly

United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

[Delegations are kindly requested to submit, to the Secretary-General of the Conference, their credentials *as soon as possible*. The credentials must be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference.]

[For further information on the Conference, please visit <www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>. To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.]

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, of UNFPA and UNOPS will hold informal consultations *today*, 31 August 2012, as indicated below. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the UNDP programming arrangements; and

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB): UNFPA informal consultation on evaluation; and the strategic plan.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system will hold an informal hearing for civil society on Tuesday, 4 September 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The forum is open to all Member States and observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal interactive dialogue on the "Report of the Secretary-General on the responsibility to protect: Timely and decisive response" (A/66/874) will be held on Wednesday, 5 September 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 August 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For inscription on the list of speakers, kindly send an e-mail to the General Assembly Affairs Branch indicating the name and the level of the speaker, *by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 4 September* (heddachem@un.org).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary to mark the observance of the International Day against Nuclear Tests, on Thursday, 6 September 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 17 August 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the modalities of a world conference on indigenous peoples, on Friday, 7 September 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

General debate
(25–28 September and 1 October 2012)

The provisional list of speakers No. 1 for the general debate of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms IN-0613 and NLB-1033). The list of speakers has also been sent directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are kindly reminded that, in accordance with existing practice at the sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit statement by each delegation. In order to help the speakers to follow with the time for their statement, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum.

Delegations may wish to inform their capital on this procedure.

Programme of work and agenda

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September. The provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/150, and annotations can be found in document A/67/100. A draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-seventh session is contained in document A/66/861, Section II.

Seating protocol

On Friday, 8 June 2012, the Secretary-General drew from among the Member States the name of Jamaica to occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the sixty-seventh session. Consequently, the delegation of Jamaica will sit at the first desk at the right of the President, and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

Other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are closed.

Friday, 31 August 2012

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (Third Committee experts)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp>.

Friday, 31 August 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesperson

4 p.m. H.E. Mr. Raymond Tshibanda N'tunga Mulongo, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 4 September 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

4 p.m. 126th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: Election of members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/66/873) . . . [114 (e)]
2. Prevention of armed conflict[1]: Report of the Secretary-General (A/66/889) . . . . . [34]

[1] A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 29 August 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Main Committees

First Committee

11 a.m. 25th meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of the officers of the Main Committees: Election of the Chair and the Bureau of the First Committee at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly [5]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Immediately following the meeting of the First Committee 24th meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of the officers of the Main Committees: Election of the Chair and the Bureau of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly [5]

Second Committee

Immediately following the meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) 41st meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of the officers of the Main Committees: Election of the Chair and the Bureau of the Second Committee at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly [5]

Third Committee

Immediately following the meeting of the Second Committee 51st meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of the officers of the Main Committees: Election of the Chair and the Bureau of the Third Committee at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly [5]

Fifth Committee

Immediately following the meeting of the Third Committee 39th meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of the officers of the Main Committees: Election of the Chair and the Bureau of the Fifth Committee at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly [5]

Sixth Committee

Immediately following the meeting of the Fifth Committee 31st meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of the officers of the Main Committees: Election of the Chair and the Bureau of the Sixth Committee at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly [5]

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences
Substantive session

The substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held from Tuesday, 4, to Monday, 10 September 2012, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.172/2012/1.

Reports for consideration by the Committee are contained in the following documents: A/67/127, A/AC.172/2012/L.2 and A/AC.172/2012/CRP.1.

[In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers in the substantive session are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Cristina Schulz-Langendorf (schulz-langendorf@un.org).]

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation

Working Group

The Chair of the Working Group of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, Ms. Alison Chartres (Australia), will hold informal informal consultations on the draft decision contained in document SSC/17/L.6, on Wednesday, 5 September 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties
Fifth session

The Secretary-General has the honour to inform Member States that the fifth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take in Conference Room 4 (NLB), on Wednesday, 12, and Thursday, 13 September 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Friday, 14 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The provisional agenda is contained in document CRPD/CSP/2012/1.

List of speakers at the general debate

The general debate will take place on Wednesday, 12 September 2012, in the morning. To facilitate the preparation of the list of speakers which is open for inscription *until Tuesday, 4 September*, delegations are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat, at the latest by Tuesday, 4 September 2012 (5 p.m.), the relevant information, indicating the full name and title of the speaker. Inscriptions should be sent directly to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail zhangg@un.org).

Quorum

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 119 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 80 States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be brought or sent to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room DC2-1314).

Accessibility

States parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of the accessibility requirements of delegates are advised to do so immediately, in order to facilitate their participation in meetings.

For further information concerning the Conference of States Parties, please contact Mr. Guozhong Zhang, secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail zhangg@un.org); or *click here*.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Meeting of States Parties
Thirty-second meeting

The thirty-second meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 6 September 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The purpose of this meeting is to elect nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose mandates expire on 31 December 2012. The documents for the meeting are CCPR/SP/80, CCPR/SP/81, CCPR/SP/81/Add.1, CCPR/SP/81/Add.2 and CCPR/SP/81/Add.3. For the latest list of candidates and other information, please visit the following Web site: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections32nd.htm>.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the 167 States Parties to the Covenant, that is to say 112 States Parties. To avoid the meeting being substantially delayed or postponed, representatives of States Parties should be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

In accordance with rule 2 of the revised rules of procedures of the Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the

Secretary-General prior to the meeting. The credentials may be brought to the conference room on the day or sent in advance to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (c/o Ms. Sheilah Trotta, room DC1–0511D).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Liberia configuration

An informal meeting of the Liberia configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Friday, 7 September 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council
Special Ministerial Meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Special Ministerial Meeting on Monday, 24 September 2012, from 3 to 7.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on steps that are needed for a strengthened and more effective multilateral system for sustainable development. To consult the proposed programme and concept note for the Meeting, please *click here*.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation to the secretariat of the Council (e-mail syyap@un.org; room IN-0617; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to e-mail pierre52@un.org), indicating clearly the head and alternate head of delegation, as they should appear in the official list of participants.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Second regular session 2012

The second regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 11, to Friday, 14 September 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/15.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_65200.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive

Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), no later than *today*, 31 August 2012.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

[The upcoming second regular session 2012 will be the first paper-smart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hard copies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the Executive Board Web site.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Board upon request with a dedicated desk set up for this at the back of the conference room. Delegates who also wish to receive hard copies of documentation in advance of the session may do so by contacting directly the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)).

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing "Documents" Web page, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board home page will provide a link to a new "In-session" Web page that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoint presentations, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (c/o Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will be embargoed until they are delivered, and then posted to the new "In-session" Web page on the UNICEF Executive Board Web site.]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Second regular session 2012

The second regular session 2012 of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 4, to Monday, 10 September 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.3. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; fax 1 (212) 906-5634).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on a draft follow-up resolution entitled "Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution" (under agenda item 34 (a)) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Turkey, on behalf of the Group of Friends of Mediation)

Tuesday, 4 September 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Tuesday, 4 September 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZPCSA) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Uruguay)

Thursday, 6 September 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (meeting of the New York Committee)

Monday, 10 September 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR seminar on "The reintegration of labour migrants" (organized in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the MacArthur Foundation)

Thursday, 6 September 2012, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Briefing on "Every Woman Every Child movement" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Nigeria and Thailand)

Monday, 10 September 2012, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Chonvipat Changtrakul, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail chonvipatc@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 152).]

Dialogue between the President of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly and civil society (organized by the Office of President of the General Assembly, in collaboration with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS), the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the NGO Section, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Monday, 10 September 2012, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or associated with DPI are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail mezouih@un.org).]

UNITAR general briefing for new delegates on the work of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 12 September 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB);

Thursday, 13 September 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB); and

Friday, 14 September 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Prayer service on the occasion of the opening of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the Archdiocese of New York)

Monday, 17 September 2012, at 6 p.m., at the Church of the Holy Family (315 East 47th Street).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (e-mail event@holyseemission.org; tel. 1 (212) 370-7885).]

Training session on "Using the *Yearbook of the United Nations* online" (co-organized by the Publications and Editorial Cluster, the Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Dag Hammarskjöld Library)

Thursday, 20 September 2012, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Training Room (DC2-1142).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. To register for the session, please contact the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (e-mail librarytraining@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5321). For further information concerning the session, please contact Mr. John R. Sebesta, Yearbook Unit (e-mail sebesta@un.org).]

High-level event on sustainable energy for all (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Monday, 24 September 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers and for further information please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660). Information on the initiative, including the Secretary-General's Vision Statement and Action Agenda document, can be found at <www.un.org/en/sefa> or <www.sustainableenergyforall.org>.]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents

Today, 31 August 2012 *(English)* (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Tuesday, 4 September 2012 *(English)* (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Tuesday, 11 September 2012 *(Spanish)* (from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.); and

Wednesday, 12 September 2012 *(French)* (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon).

General Assembly Documentation (new)

Thursday, 6 September 2012 *(English)* (10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Friday, 7 September 2012 *(English)* (10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Thursday, 13 September 2012 *(Spanish)* (10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Friday, 14 September 2012 *(French)* (10 a.m. to 12 noon); and

Wednesday, 19 September 2012 *(English)* (2.30 to 4.30 p.m.).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October 2012, in Conference Room E (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 16 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 16 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 17 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 18 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 18 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

2012 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

The Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to developing countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

The Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific Group is scheduled to be held in Thailand in November 2012. The participants for this Regional Course have been selected from the following Members States of the Asia-Pacific Group: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu and Viet Nam.

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contributions from Member States for the Regional Courses. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6971).

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 30 August 2012

Security Council

6825th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Letter dated 14 August 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/632)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Israel, Italy, Lebanon and Spain, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2012/673, submitted by France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2012/673) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2012/673) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2064 (2012).

6826th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, as well as the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. António Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Deputy Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, made a statement.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. António Guterres.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Nasser Joudeh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan, H.E. Mr. Ahmet Davutoğlu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Wael Abou Faour, Minister for Social Affairs of the Lebanon, and H.E. Mr. Mohammed Jawad Kadhum Nassir Al-Doreky, Deputy Foreign Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq.

Statements were made by the President, in his capacity as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, H.E. Dr. Saaddine El Otmani, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco, H.E. Mr. William Hague, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom, H.E. Mrs. María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Colombia, H.E. Mr. Elliott Ohin, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Togo, H.E. Ms. Susan Rice, member of President Obama's Cabinet and Permanent Representative of the United States; and by the representatives of Azerbaijan, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Germany, India, Guatemala, Pakistan, Portugal and China.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Council heard further statements by the representatives of Turkey, Lebanon and Morocco.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

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Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. New York, 30 August 1961

Accession: Turkmenistan (29 August 2012)[1]

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

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